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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 4101

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INDIAN VIEW OF MEPAC

1. INDIAN POLITICAL OFFICER REMARKED TO EMBOFF APRIL 23 THAT EGYPTIAN "INVITATION" TO INDIA TO ATTEND GENEVA CONFERENCE PUTS DELHI IN "TICKLISH" SITUATION. IT IS INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S UNDERSTANDING THAT ONLY CO-CHAIRMEN MAY ISSUE INVITATION. FURTHER, INDIAN GOVERNMENT IS AT A LOSS TO KNOW HOW GOE CONCEIVES INDIA'S MEPC ROLE. WOULD INDIA BE OBSERVER, MEDIATOR, VOTING PARTICIPANT, OR WHAT?

2. INDIAN EMBOFF SIAD HE WAS INTRIGUED TO HAVE EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS CALL ON HIM RECENTLY TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON INDIA'S SELECTION AS MEPC PARTICIPANT. HE SAID HE ASKED BLOC DIPLOMATS WHAT INDIA'S ROLE COULD BE THERE, BUT GOT NO ANSWER.
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INDIAN EMBOFF STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT SOVIETS IN CAIRO HAVE NOT

APPROACHED HIM AT ALL ON THIS ISSUE.

3. INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT
CAIRO AND INTENDS TO TALK OUT THESE PROBLEMS WITH FAHMY
AT THAT TIME.

4. COMMENT: TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, NEITHER INDIA NOR YUGOSLAVIA
HAS RECEIVED FORMAL "INVITATION" FROM GOE, BUT HAVE BEEN URGED
TO CONSIDER UTILITY OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN EXPANDED MEPC.
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